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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
YOSHIBA et al.) Art Unit: 1638
Application Number: 10/026,767) Examiner: Ashwin D. Mehta
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TRANSGENIC RICE PLANT AND ITS FAMILY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS RESISTANT BY PROLINE ACCUMULATION OF HIGH LEVEL AND ITS PRODUCTION))))
ATTORNEY DOCKET No. NITT.0051	,
Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents	

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	21	39	19 (Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	3	6	(Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
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			TOTAL		0.00

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action	[x] Information Disclosure Statement
w/ claim amendments	[] Terminal Disclaimer
[] Substitute Specification	[] Letter to Draftsperson
[] Preliminary Amendment	[] Assignment
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated March 24, 2004, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on June 24, 2004. Please amend the above identified application as follows: